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Massive display of force heralds Khomeini's return



TRAFFIC AND MILITARY: A long convoy of Iranian army trucks passes a triple column of charred debris and barricades in preparation for his arrival, scheduled for Thursday morning.

TEHRAN, Jan. 31 (Agencies) — Imperial army tanks, anti-aircraft guns and thousands of combat troops rolled through the streets of Tehran Wednesday. But Ayatollah Khomeini declared from Paris he would not be intimidated by the military show of force on the eve of his expected return from 14 years of exile.

Prime Minister Shapour Bakhtiar, saying that Iran was passing through a "very critical and dangerous period," later warned followers of Khomeini that his government would "resist chaos and doubtful elements."

Addressing a nationwide radio and television audience, Bakhtiar said he "will not permit life and property of the people to be violated."

In an obvious reference to Khomeini's announced plans to replace Bakhtiar and the monarchy with an Islamic republic, the 62-year-old civilian prime minister said:

"The government will not permit the reins of the country to be held by anyone except the central government."

New violence, in which three persons were reported killed, flared in the capital as Kho-

meini's supporters cleared the streets of charred debris and barricades in preparation for his arrival, scheduled for Thursday morning.

A spokesman for Khomeini conceded that, after reports reached Paris of imperial troops taking up new positions near Tehran's Mehrabad airport, some of his followers urged him to postpone his return.

"But the Ayatollah has made his decision and that is it," the spokesman, Sadegh Ghotbzadeh, said in Paris.

Khomeini went behind a veil of religious meditation Wednesday immersing himself in prayers and thought before his long-awaited flight to riot-torn Iran at 1 a.m. Thursday.

There was a tense atmosphere as Iran's opposition leader and his followers prepared for the end of his exile in their white stucco villa 40 km west of Paris.

Police once again increased security around the Khomeini compound with two platoons of plainclothesmen joining the usual 40-man platoon of uniformed gendarmes.

At least two U.S. news organizations with bureaus in Paris,

United Press International and Associated Press, received telephone calls warning them to keep their personnel off Khomeini's flight and saying it would be blown up.

In Tehran gunfire echoed near Tehran University and Jaleh Square, two flashpoints of pro-Khomeini agitation, about the time of Wednesday's display of military might.

Officials at Jorjani Hospital near Jaleh Square said one person had died of gunshot wounds after being rushed to the emergency room from the scene of a demonstration.

A press photographer reported seeing three persons, including a young boy and an elderly woman, bleeding heavily from gunshot wounds sustained near the archway at the entrance to the university campus.

Mullahs rode through the university area in sound trucks, claiming soldiers had killed two demonstrators in the vicinity and warning others to disperse.

An official at the university's Parvani Hospital said 12 persons had been treated for shock or for non-serious wounds caused by rubber bullets.

Fahd orders closure of unlicensed factories

RIYADH, Jan. 31 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd has ordered the immediate closure of every plant or factory that operates without the permission of the ministry of industry and electricity, it was announced Wednesday.

Minister of industry and electricity Dr. Ghazi Al Agosabi said the order was issued after the ministry had discovered that a number of foreign contracting companies had set up unlicensed plants and factories in unfair competition with existing Saudi firms.

The ministries of interior and industry were authorized to close down these unlicensed factories, Dr. Al Agosabi added.

Benjedid Chadli nominated successor to Boumediene

ALGIERS, Jan. 31 (Agencies) — Col. Benjedid Chadli, a fatherly figure little known to the Algerian public, was nominated as president after becoming the link between the army and the ruling Council of the Revolution when President Houari Boumediene fell ill last year.

In his acceptance speech before the convention, Chadli promised to follow the policies of Boumediene.

"I pledge to you that I will work according to the choice that the people have agreed upon, socialism, with no return," he said to cheers and applause. "Socialism is our only choice."

Chadli was one of only two members of the council, now

disbanded, who never gave up their army post and had commanded Algeria's second military region since 1964.

He established himself firmly in the region, based in the western city of Oran. But although he had a reputation of being a "war lord" with extensive powers in the area, his name hardly ever came into the news.

During Boumediene's illness, Col. Chadli was put in charge of the defense ministry — a post the ailing president had reserved for himself ever since Algeria became independent in 1952.

Emerging as a compromise candidate to succeed Boumediene as head of state, Chadli was also given special responsi-

bilities as a liaison between the army and the council.

Chadli was born in 1929 to a wealthy family at Sebaa, near Annaba in eastern Algeria.

He joined Algerian nationalistic guerrillas in the independence war against France and in 1960 led the 13th battalion of the National Liberation Army (ALN) in the northern zone of Constantine.

In June, 1961, he became a staff officer under Col. Boumediene, then the ALN chief of staff. He was briefly arrested in the Constantine region at the end of the independence war before taking over as its military commander in 1963.

Promoted to command the Oran region in June, 1964, he took part in the coup a year later which deposed Algeria's first president, Ahmad ben Bella, and installed Houari Boumediene in power.

Under Boumediene, he was a member of the Council of the Revolution and was made a colonel in 1969.

On becoming president he is likely to become simply Chadli again, following Algerian tradition that military men appointed to a civilian post immediately relinquish their army rank.

When the first Congress of



Benjedid Chadli

Algeria's sole political party, the National Liberation Front (NLF), was called this month to choose a successor to the dead president. Chadli was regarded as a compromise candidate who could steer the country through the first years of the post-Boumediene era.

He took over the defense ministry with the approval of both the Council of the Revolution, which the party Congress has since disbanded and of the military.

Although the army and other Algerian leaders are said not to want another "military" regime to succeed President Boumediene, the choice of Col. Chadli is likely to satisfy the army, which considers itself the defender of Algeria's socialist revolution.

Strikers may close six London hospitals

LONDON, Jan. 31 (R) — Six London hospitals faced possible closure Wednesday and hundreds more began emptying wards because of strike action by Britain's 250,000 hospital ancillary workers.

Half of the country's 2,300 hospitals were accepting only emergency cases and a few were turning away all patients as the National Health Service reeled under the effects of its worst-ever labor crisis.

"Whatever you do, don't fall sick in Britain today," said a London doctor.

Cooks, cleaners, porters and engineers staged sporadic strikes and "go-slow" tactics in their campaign for pay rises ranging up to 40 per cent and a minimum 60 sterling (\$120) weekly wage.

Trade union organizers at London's Westminster Group of six hospitals instructed 1,000 members of the National Union of Public Employees (NUPE) to halt work immediately.

Israeli troops set up new settlement in Gaza

TEL AVIV, Jan. 31 (UPI) — Dozens of young Israeli soldiers occupied a new farming outpost in the southern Gaza Strip earlier this week despite requests from the United States to the contrary, visitors to the site said Wednesday.

A military spokesman confirmed the soldiers moved onto the site Monday but declined to give further details. Military censors prevented disclosure of the exact number of soldiers.

Bulldozers began leveling the sand dunes at Tel Sultan, situated about two miles (3 km) west of Rafah, only two weeks ago, a Palestinian coffee house owner in the vicinity told the visitors, the new outpost is less than two miles (3 km) north of the Gaza-Strip-Sinai border. Israel has agreed to return the Sinai to Egypt after the signing of a peace treaty.

The young soldiers who have set up the outpost are living in about 15 tents, with

Pickets blocked deliveries of heating fuel and Westminister hospital said it faced the "appalling prospect" of evacuating patients when supplies ran out at the end of the week.

At the Westminster Children's Hospital, no cases at all were being admitted. Patients' parents scrubbed floors, laboratories and kitchens to stop the risk of cross-infection.

Union organizer Jamie Morris said the Westminster dispute — which started when six women cleaners were suspended for refusing to work on certain wards — could spread to other areas of the capital.

Morris said NUPE did not want to starve outpatients "our picket lines will still let food go through." But deliveries of heating oil were turned away.

In much of Britain surgeons were only performing emergency operations because supplies of sterilizing equipment, dressings and clean linens are running low.

Health Secretary David Ennals and Trades Union Congress chief Len Murray summoned leaders of the unions involved to separate meetings to appeal to strikers to follow a humane "code of conduct."

And other disruption threatened the country.

Union leaders of 9,000 electric power workers were demanding a "substantial" pay rise and shorter hours. Militant union officials threatened power blackouts.

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Teng signs first U.S. accords

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31

(AP) — China's Teng Hsiao-ping wound up his Washington visit Wednesday with a bit of sightseeing, a private meeting with Richard Nixon and the signing of accords with President Jimmy Carter aimed at boosting China's efforts toward modernization.

The late afternoon signing ceremony in the White House East Room was the climax of the Chinese vice premier's three-day official visit. The agreements set the framework for cooperation in science and technology, cultural exchanges and establishment of consultancies in the United States and

China. The most important agreement to China's rapid drive under Teng's leadership to become a world industrial power is the science and technology accord, which administration sources say will concentrate at first on space, agricultural research and student exchanges.

Teng leaves Thursday morning on a cross-country tour to Atlanta, Houston and Seattle, arranged to satisfy his interest in American technology and trade. His eight day visit, the first by a leader of the People's Republic of China, ends Monday.

Before the White House signing ceremony, Teng had breakfast with members of Carter's cabinet at Blair House, the presidential guest quarters across Pennsylvania Avenue from the White House, and made hurried tours of the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum and the Lincoln Memorial.

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In a speech Tuesday night that might not have pleased his U.S. hosts, Teng accused the Soviet Union of "the zealous pushing of a global strategy for world domination" that was bound to increase the danger "of a new world war."

Speaking at a reception sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association at the National Gallery of Art, the Chinese leader said: "We are firmly against a new world war. One of the objectives of China's foreign policy is to delay the outbreak."

Carter administration officials clearly had hoped Teng would not use his Washington visit -- the first by a leader of the People's Republic of China -- as a forum for an anti-Soviet campaign.

neses said. A few large sheds have been erected as well for dining facilities. Generators, water tanks and small huts also have been set up at the site.

Israel decided in mid-December to set up three settlements in the occupied territories. The State Department expressed regret at the decision and urged that it not be implemented.

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Minister leaves for Bonn meeting

RIYADH, Jan. 31 (SPA) — Finance and National Economy Minister Sheikh Muhammad Abu Al-Khalil left here Wednesday for Bonn on a three-day visit during which he will co-chair the Saudi-West German Joint Commission for Economic Cooperation.

The German side at the commission, which will discuss bilateral and international economic issues, will be led by Economics Minister Count Otto Lambdorff.

West Germany imported more than 12 million tonnes of Saudi crude last year.

In an interview published by "Al-Medina" newspaper Wednesday, Saudi Ambassador to West Germany Sheikh Muhammad Nouri Ibrahim said Bonn's support for a lasting peace in the Middle East and for the right to self-determination of the Palestinians had added warmth to its relations with Saudi Arabia.

Through frequent exchanges of visits solid foundations had been laid for Saudi-West German cooperation, he said.

Greek envoy calls on foreign aide

RIYADH, Jan. 31 (SPA) — Deputy Foreign Minister for Political Affairs Sheikh Abdul Rahman Mansouri Wednesday reviewed Saudi-Greek relations with the Greek Ambassador to the Kingdom Constantinos Vassilis.

Jordan minister visits Kiswah loom

MECCA, Jan. 31 (SPA) — Jordanian Minister of Endowments and Islamic Shrines Kamel Al-Sharif Tuesday left here for home after a week-long official visit. Earlier Tuesday, he paid a visit to the factory here where the covering or Kiswah of the Holy Kaaba is woven. He was entertained to lunch here by Deputy Endowments Minister Amin Aqil Atas.

Electric chief sees French mission

RIYADH, Jan. 31 (SPA) — Governor of the General Electricity Organization Mahmoud Tayba Wednesday received the visiting delegation of the Arab-French Chamber of Commerce led by Habib Michel Deloncle, a former French minister and president of the chamber.



ASIR: Dry-stone walls surround fields of prickly pear and alfalfa near a fortified village in Asir

Of left-over pilgrims

States urged to help in repatriation

RIYADH, Jan. 31 — Interior Minister Prince Naif Wednesday issued a call for Muslim governments to cooperate in the repatriation of their nationals residing illegally in Saudi Arabia.

In an interview published Wednesday in "Al-Jazirah" newspaper, Prince Naif urged foreign governments to persuade their nationals to return home and assist in their passage.

The vast majority of illegal immigrants in Saudi Arabia are Muslims who have stayed on to work after the Hajj or after making the minor pilgrimage to Mecca.

While most large Muslim countries, notably India and Pakistan, provide facilities for the repatriation of destitute pilgrims, there have been reports of countries refusing to cooperate in the wholesale return of nationals.

Speaking of the problems of the repatriation campaign launched during the summer, Prince Naif said large numbers of illegal residents were now in custody but their repatriation had been held up by difficulties in chartering aircraft.

To avoid further delays, the prince said, "We call on foreign governments to make space available for their subjects on their national carriers."

Despite the difficulties, Prince Naif said, the campaign will go on.

"All the military's resources will be thrown into the campaign," he said "and we will over come the difficulties".

Tuesday, the ministry issued

Stolen Jeddah jewels recovered

RIYADH, Jan. 31 — A diamond necklace believed stolen from a shop in downtown Jeddah has been recovered in Geneva, according to Agence France Presse quoted Tuesday in the Egyptian press.

According to the report, Robert Mouwad of Fayedz Mouwad, of King Abdul Aziz Street here identified the necklace at the shop of a jeweller called David John.

Mouwad told "Arab News" earlier last month that SR 7 million worth of jewellery had been taken in a burglary at his shop in 1976. Saudi police officers went to Geneva last year at Mouwad's request.

Ahmad says SR6.5m payroll thieves face full punishment

By A Staff Reporter

JEDDAH, Jan. 31 — Three West Germans who allegedly robbed their employer in Riyadh of a SR6.5 million payroll will face the full sentence permitted by the Sharia. Deputy Interior Minister Prince Ahmad said in an interview with "Al-Bilad" newspaper

Brig Ayesh said that the West Germans robbed the company's safe after drugging the cashier. Earlier, they had stolen the combination number from the chief accountant.

During questioning, the Germans revealed that an earlier attempt in November had been foiled by the night-watchman.

The West Germans, employees of Philip Holzmann, a large Frankfurt-based construction company, were named Wednesday as Rolf Wietermeier, Horst Buler and Dietrich Braun by Brig. Muhammad ibn Ayesh, Riyadh chief of police, who headed the investigation into the robbery.

The robbery occurred on the night of Jan. 6 and 7 at the Riyadh headquarters of Philip Holzmann, which is involved in extensive construction work for the Ministry of Defense and other government clients.

The three West Germans were arrested after an intensive 20-day search of Riyadh and its environs and admitted the theft on questioning, Brig. Ayesh said.

The money was discovered intact in a villa in Riyadh and returned to the company last Sunday, Brig. Ayesh added.

Both the police chief and Prince Ahmad severely criticized the company for not taking greater precautions to prevent the theft.

It was not immediately clear Wednesday whether the alleged negligence of the company was also the subject of investigation.

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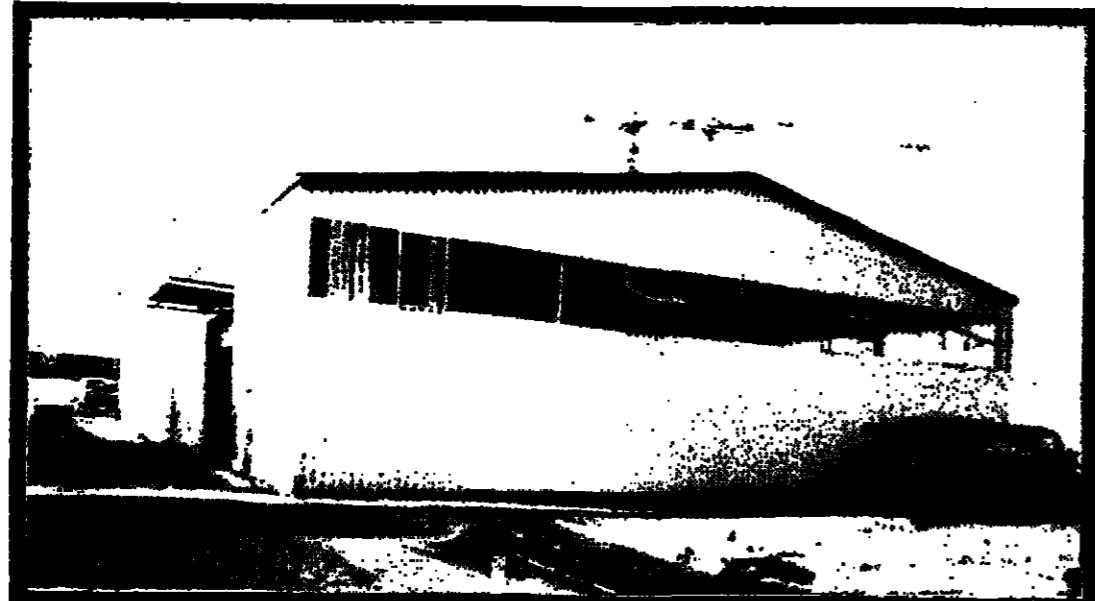
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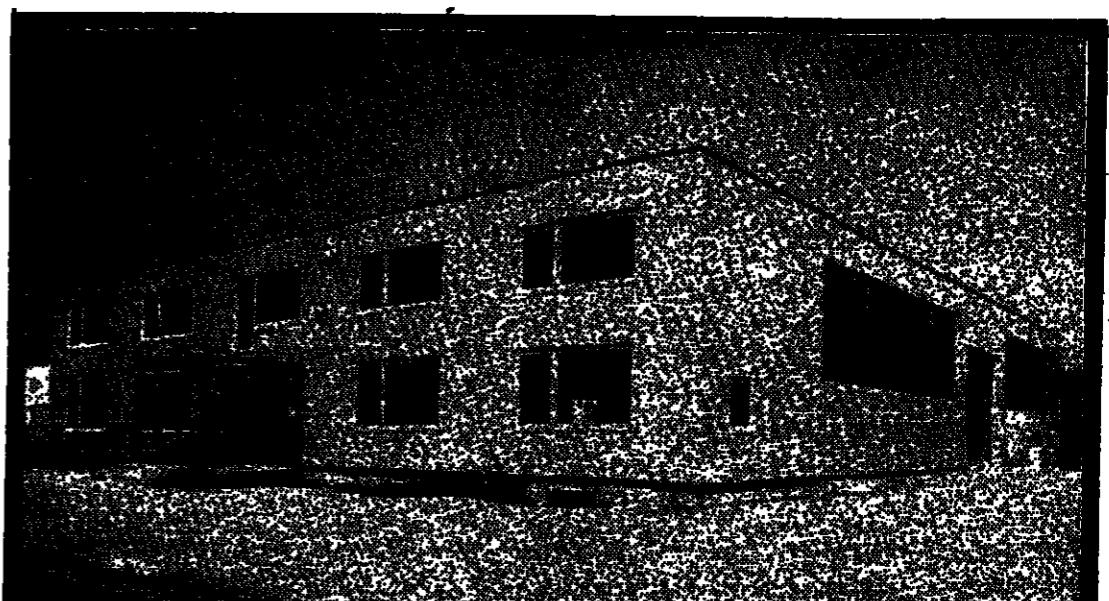
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Thought reconnoitering for raid

Israeli jets fly high over Lebanon

BEIRUT, Jan. 31 (Agencies) — Israeli jet flew over Beirut and South Lebanon Wednesday in apparent reconnaissance mission and, in the south, Israeli gunners and their rightist allies reportedly shelled Palestinian-controlled territory.

Leftist sources in the south said about 20 Israeli tanks moved to three areas of Lebanese territory in a 13-kilometer region from the town of Khan al-Shifa to the Shbeik area.

Similar Israeli overflights occurred Tuesday and jittery residents of both Beirut and the rocky hill country of the south feared the planes were on reconnaissance missions for a strike. Last Sunday, the Palestine Liberation Organization

Explosion rocks West Bank town

TEL AVIV, Jan. 31 (AP) — A small bomb exploded outside the labor exchange office in the town of Jenin in the Israeli-occupied West Bank of Jordan. Wednesday, but there were no casualties, Israel radio reported.

Americans missing in Kuwait

KUWAIT, Jan. 31 (AP) — The authorities in Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Iraq are searching the desert strip along their common border for two Americans missing on a hunting trip since Saturday, police sources reported Wednesday. They were identified by American Embassy sources as Gary Tyler, 30, and Henry Pazzone, 45, electrical engineers employed constructing of a hotel in Kuwait.

Bahrain ruler gets Hussein's note

AMMAN, Jan. 31 (R) — Jordan's minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hassan Ibrahim returned Wednesday from a three-day visit to Bahrain where he conveyed a message from King Hussein to Bahrain's ruler Sheikh Issa bin Sulman al-Khalifa.

Ecevit concludes Libya visit

BEIRUT, Jan. 31 (UPI) — Turkish Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit left Tripoli Tuesday at the end of a five-day visit to Libya, the official Libyan news agency JANA reported. An economic cooperation agreement was signed between the two countries, the agency said.

S. Yemeni leader plans Arab tour

BEIRUT, Jan. 31 (R) — Abdul-Fattah Ismail, chairman of the South Yemeni Presidential Council, will visit four Arab countries after his current visit to Libya, a press statement said here. The release, issued by the South Yemeni embassy Tuesday, said Ismail's tour would take him to Syria, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

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Muammar Qaddafi
Qaddafi sends note to Amin

NAIROBI, Jan. 31 (R) — Strained relations between Uganda and Libya one of its principal backers, appeared to improve Tuesday when Libya's ambassador in Kampala delivered a special message to President Idi Amin.

The army had refrained from attacking the kidnappers in a mountain hideout in northern Lebanon for fear of endangering the hostages.

It did not identify the kidnappers but a local newspaper,

the Independent "An-Nahar",

said the kidnapping was in re-

taliation for the seizing of two

persons earlier in the northern

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Using Chinese ships, advisers

Peking said arming Cambodian guerrillas

BANGKOK, Jan. 31 (AP) — China is sending military supplies to the beleaguered forces of deposed Premier Pol Pot inside Cambodia, using Chinese ships and at least one offshore island to help fuel the six-week-old war, independent analysts in Bangkok said Wednesday.

The delicate operation off the southwestern coast of Cambodia fulfills a promise made by Chinese Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping to continue helping Peking's allies in face of an invasion by Vietnamese troops and their Cambodian allies.

One analyst said a coral island near the coastline had been heavily fortified with bunkers, anti-aircraft weapons and storage areas and was being manned by a number of Chinese advisers involved in the resupply effort.

The island was identified as Khamra Phu Min, the name also given to the adjacent coastal area which rises from a maze of islands, bays and estuaries to the highest mountain ranges in Cambodia.

Other analysts could not provide such details but confirmed that the Chinese had mounted a resupply operation to the Pol Pot troops who claim to be striking back at the Vietnamese throughout the country.

The coastline and the rugged Cardamom and Elephant ranges beyond it had earlier been identified as one stronghold of the Pol Pot forces.

On Jan. 9, two days after the capture of Phnom Penh,

Teng had told American senators visiting Peking that China would continue to assist the Pol Pot regime and Cambodian forces in Cambodia and that China did not regard the fall of Phnom Penh as "the end of the struggle." Teng is now

on an official visit to the United States. (See story page one.)

Other Chinese leaders have said Peking would provide military supplies and financial aid but no combatants. But Peking has not revealed specific plans for such aid.

Some here speculate that Peking may not believe the Vietnamese and the government they installed in Phnom Penh can be totally defeated but that continuing conflict in Cambodia would drain Hanoi's already meager resources and weaken its pro-Soviet neighbors.

And Pol Pot troops claimed Wednesday that southwestern Cambodia had been "liberated," with the forces pushing back Vietnamese counter-strike, destroying tanks and killing Vietnamese soldiers and Soviet advisers.

Thai and Western analysts have confirmed some of the claims but question whether the Pol Pot troops, having been broken up by multi-pronged Vietnamese thrusts, have sufficient strength to capture and hold key towns and large stretches of territory.

cials known to have knowledge of the case all refused to discuss it, apparently on orders from their superiors.

According to the informants, who asked not to be identified, Loh's first critique of administration policy appeared as a letter in the "New York Daily News" on Dec. 26.

The unusual step was taken after Loh I. Cheng, a veteran of 15 years in the United States, wrote criticisms of American policy which appeared in several U.S. newspapers.

Four State Department offi-

leaders of Israel are nervous about the value of American promises."

Diplomats generally are expected to refrain from criticizing the host government. One informant said the administration might have ignored Loh's letter but decided to act in light of subsequent events.

The day after Loh's letter appeared, Deputy U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher went to Taiwan to discuss future U.S.-Taiwanese relations and was greeted by hostile mobs.



THAILAND: Cambodian soldiers who had fled from the advancing Vietnamese are guarded by Thai troops. Wednesday analysts in Bangkok said that Khmer Rouge guerrillas were being armed by China. (AP photo)

Both sides conciliatory

Korean dialogue seen nearer

SEOUL, Jan. 31 (AP) — South Korea called on North Korea to Wednesday to reconvene talks as soon as possible, while North Korea promised to end Thursday all propaganda against the South.

The latest statements seemed to move both sides closer to official talks, and southern officials called it "a serious attempt by the South to resume a dialogue." But considerable differences remained between the two rival governments.

The South Korean offer came from Min Kwan-shik, acting co-chairman of the South-North Coordinating Commission created in 1972 under an agreement between the two sides.

Min said, "the most effective and correct way to assure a re dedication to the principles" of the 1972 agreement, which set up the basis for the earlier talks, is "to have the operation of the South-North Coordinating Committee brought back to normal."

He then said that "the most logical" thing is for both sides to convene the fourth plenary meeting of the joint committee in Pyongyang as soon as possible.

And North Korea Wednesday announced it would stop

its propaganda war against the South as a first step towards ending hostility.

The Korea Central News Agency (KCNA), quoting an official statement, said the media in North Korea would discontinue attacks on the South Thursday.

KCNA said North Korean radio and television stations, newspapers and other publications as well as political organizations would stop criticizing "the ideas and system of the other side."

They would also discontin-

Troops killed over 1,000, anti-Bokassa sources say

PARIS, Jan. 31 (R) — The member of the association Association of Central African Empyre Students in France says that more than 1,000 people were killed in student riots in the capital of Bangui earlier this month and in the repression that followed.

The association, which is in daily contact with Bangui, said many were shot dead by the estimated 200 Zairian troops who moved in at the request of Emperor Bokassa. A French doctor in Bangui confirmed at least 400 deaths.

"They opened fire on the people indiscriminately," a Affairs Minister Marie-Joseph Zongo Tounkouma.

'A depressing picture' in 1978

Amnesty cites 70 repressive states

LONDON, Jan. 31 (R) — Amnesty International, the London-based human rights organization, said in its annual report Wednesday that at least 70 countries, including the United States, the Soviet Union and China, were holding prisoners of conscience.

The 320-page report for 1978 said that despite some important steps for the future protection of human rights, the year gave "a depressing picture of systematic violations of basic human rights in most of the countries of the world."

Violations cited in 110 countries ranged from a youth in China sentenced to life imprisonment for making a wall

in the United States had been adopted as prisoners of conscience.

Also "adopted" by Amnesty in its worldwide human rights movement include peasants in South America, tribal victims in Africa, political dissenters in Eastern Europe, and the former president of Algeria, Ahmed Ben Bella, who remains under strict house arrest more than 13 years after he was overthrown in a coup.

If noted most of the prisoners were convicted or awaiting trials on criminal charges but Amnesty felt these concealed the underlying reason for their imprisonment — their belief or ethnic origins.

The Amnesty report said investigations had shown new trends in repression during 1978.

"Dissidents are now confined to mental asylums in most countries in Eastern Europe," it said. "This is alarming as such a system of detention gives few opportunities for prisoners to appeal, defend themselves or take any legal action."

London hits back on IRA prison protest

LONDON, Jan. 31 (R) — The British government unveiled a campaign to combat what it called IRA propaganda about the Maze Prison in Belfast where IRA prisoners are conducting a "dirty" strike fouling their cells.

The government is distributing "Maze Prison H-Block The Facts" in Britain and abroad, including its diplomatic posts in the United States where there is some sentiment for the IRA.

The material includes photographs of the maze "before" — clean and well kept — and "after" — filthy cells.

About 350 prisoners have been on strike since London has opposed going that most ordinary criminals convicted open court of serious crime including murder.

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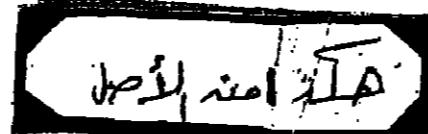
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Black majority rule wins white Rhodesia's support

SALISBURY, Jan. 31 (AP) — A sweeping referendum mandate from Rhodesia's white voters Wednesday gave Prime Minister Ian Smith the green light for black majority rule.

With the bulk of the 50 voting districts reporting, more than 85 per cent of the ballots cast Tuesday were in favor of a draft constitution that envisions the nation's first ever one-man-one-vote election within 90 days.

Election officials said the 37 nated parliament would be re-

sults known gave 42,694 votes for the constitution, 6,903 against and 575 ballots were damaged.

A government spokesman said there was about a 70 per cent turnout at the historic referendum which marked possibly the last all-white balloting exercise in Rhodesia's history.

Outstanding returns from 13 outlying districts with few voters were to come in Wednesday.

Smith said the white-domi-

nated parliament would be re-

Jailed for 3 years

Man bites dog in U.K.

EDINBURGH, Jan. 31 (AP) — It's happened before: dog bites man, man bites dog. The new twist was that the man came back with a rifle and ended up in jail.

Prosecutor David Hope told Edinburgh High Court that television repairman Robert Martin, 30, called to fix the set in the Dundee home of Peter Lochhead and tried to play with the family dog.

The dog bit Martin's nose, and Martin promptly bit the dog's ear. So the dog bit back into Martin's face.

Martin went off, fetched a rifle, and said he was going to kill the dog, the prosecutor said. He held Lochhead at gunpoint until a policeman was called and disarmed him.

The police took a poor view on it all and brought six charges against Martin. He pleaded guilty to three contraventions of the Firearms Act, assaulting Lochhead with a loaded rifle, detaining him against his will and presenting the rifle against a police officer to resist arrest. He was jailed for three years.

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Nepalese king faces fate of Shah, dissident warns

NEW YORK, Jan. 31 (R)

Former Nepalese Prime Minister B.P. Koirala has urged the United States to warn King Birendra that he could suffer the fate of the Shah of Iran if he did not restore democracy.

Koirala, the majority party leader who has spent more than eight years in jail since the government of the Central Asian country was dismissed

in 1960, told a news conference that there was a groundswell of agitation for democracy in Nepal.

The country of 13 million people risked becoming the focus of Sino-Soviet rivalry for influence if dissension grew out of hand, he said.

"We do not want strident American pressure on our government, but something begins in the form of a message from this part of the world," he said.

The situation in Nepal is like that of Iran 18 months ago. Last year I told some State Department officials what was likely to happen in Iran. I told them they were unaware of what was happening in the underground in Nepal and Iran. We had a heated discussion because they didn't believe me."

He said he thought King Birendra would listen to the Carter administration.

Western nations steal from poor, Mozambique says

MAPUTO, Mozambique Jan. 31 (AP) — President Samora Machel of Mozambique Tuesday charged "Western imperialism" with attempting to preserve colonialism around the world in an effort to protect its own economic interests.

"The West had used its economic and military power to destabilize governments, assassinate presidents and divide nations while the forces of socialism had always sided with the people," Machel told the opening session of a special non-aligned foreign ministers conference on southern Africa.

"Imperialism is providing the means to enable Israel and South Africa to become nuclear powers. It supports the rule of the multinationals, it forces down the prices of the raw materials that we produce," he said.

"Imperialism continues to occupy parts of our countries, such as South Korea and Guantanamo in Cuba," Machel said.

"It is keeping vile governments in power, and is trying to preserve them by sending warships, troops and agents when the masses rise up against them," he said.

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MAJORITY: Supporters cheer Nkomozi Sithole at a rally. With white voters supporting majority rule, Sithole becomes a frontrunner for the leadership of the country.

Soviets remind Romania of defense commitments

MOSCOW, Jan. 31 (UPI)

The Soviet Union has reiterated its warning to Romania that the Warsaw Pact military alliance will not stand by and watch the West increase its defense spending.

The reiteration of the Soviet position was made Tuesday by Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko at a Kremlin lunch in honor of visiting Romanian Foreign Minister Stefan Andrei.

Gromyko's remarks were reported by the official Soviet news agency Tass.

"These forces in the West and the Far East who are whipping up the arms race, who meet with unchanging hostility all proposals aimed at stemming the arms race, ought to know that there can be no one-sided disarmament carried out only by the countries of the Warsaw Pact," he said.

That was the latest salvo in the quarrel between Moscow and Bucharest which blew up at a Warsaw Pact summit

Soviets confirm 3 executions for bombing of subway stations

MOSCOW, Jan. 31 (UPI)

An American dissident previously convicted of anti-Soviet slander and two others have been executed for exploding a bomb in the Moscow subway in January, 1977, causing unspecified casualties, the official Soviet news agency Tass reported Wednesday.

In the first official confirmation of a report made to Western reporters by Nobel laureate and dissident leader Dr. Andrei Sakharov on Monday, Tass described Stepan Zatikyan as a "very dangerous repeat criminal" and said he and two accomplices were tried in open court by the Criminal Collegium of the Supreme Court.

Zatikyan was married and had two children.

In his communiqué to Western correspondents, Dr. Sakharov indicated he considered Zatikyan, aged about 32 and known to have a previous conviction for anti-Soviet activity, was not guilty of causing the explosion.

Witnesses who would have testified that Zatikyan was out of Moscow at the time the subway blast occurred were not called to give evidence at the trial, Dr. Sakharov said.

The description of 32-year-old Zatikyan as a "repeat criminal" was apparently a reference to a five-year jail sentence he received in 1967, when he was still a student in the Armenian capital of Yerevan, on charges of anti-Soviet slander.

Tass did not say when the bombing trial took place or when the sentence was carried out.

It did not name the two accomplices and it did not specify the charges they faced.

The Legal Collegium for Criminal Cases of the USSR (Supreme Court) heard in a

public trial a criminal case charging S.S. Zatikyan, a very dangerous repeat criminal, and two of his accomplices with setting off, in a car, of the Moscow underground in January, 1977, in an explosion which resulted in human casualties," the Tass report said.

"During the trial, the guilt of the defendants was fully proved by the evidence of the witnesses, the conclusions of an expert examination and other materials of the case," the report said.

Zatikyan and his accomplices were sentenced to the ultimate measure of punishment—execution. The sentence has been carried out," Tass said.

There was no indication, however, that Zatikyan and his co-defendants had entered guilty pleas at their trial.

Mystery virus claims more lives

NAPLES, Italy, Jan. 31 (R) — Three more babies died Wednesday from a mystery virus sweeping the slums of Naples, bringing the death toll to 53. The babies, a boy of four months and girls aged 53 days and seven months died as doctors struggled to find a cure for the bug, which attacks the breathing organs and then the brain.

Belfast university block bombed

BELFAST, Jan. 31 (AP) — Two bombs exploded in an office block in Belfast's university section Tuesday night, starting a major fire that gutted the building and the neighboring French consulate, police reported. Authorities blamed the Irish Republican Army's "Provisional" wing.

W. German kidnap suspect arrested

MUNICH, Jan. 31 (AP) — Police made their first arrest Tuesday in the record \$1 million marks (\$11.3 million) kidnapping of industrialist Heinz Richard Oetker in 1976. A special police commission established to solve the Oetker mystery said the suspect is Dieter Zof, 37, who allegedly bought the rubber-lining for the crate that served as the 25-year-old victim's prison.

...At least kidney detente working

MOSCOW, Jan. 31 (AP) — A kidney from an American donor was flown to the Soviet Union and successfully transplanted in a 24-year-old woman here, repaying a similar favor two years ago by a Soviet donor. The kidney, packed in a hermetically sealed container, was put on an airplane for the 10,000-kilometer journey to Moscow, the Soviet newspaper "Vechernaya Moskva" reported.

Peru elections may be held Oct. 14

LIMA, Jan. 31 (AP) — Elections to return Peru to civilian government after 11 years of military rule could be held Oct. 14, Victor Raul Haya de la Torre, president of the Constituent Assembly said Tuesday.

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IRAN SHOWDOWN

The hasty exit of foreigners from Iran has added to the general gloom about the immediate future of the country. Many people have even stopped talking about a miracle to save the day. The confrontation between the camp of Ayatollah Khomeini and his adversaries threatens to erupt in civil war and for the time being the kindest way out is for one faction to emerge victorious very quickly.

Khomeini could have avoided such a showdown if he had been willing to compromise. The same could be said of his opponents who can remove the threat of civil war if they succumb to the religious leader. But Khomeini and his adversaries have their own reasons for acting the way they do and regardless of who is right and wrong the result is very gloomy.

The position of the army is of primary importance. It is no more as simple and easy to say that the army is opposed to Khomeini. There have been growing desertions to the side of the opposition, especially among the lower ranks where soldiers have carried their weapons with them. Still, there were enough troops in Tehran yesterday to march in the streets in a show of force against Khomeini. On its own, the army may not be able any more to stage a successful coup but it finds itself in the same camp as the moderate opposition and the remaining pro-Shah elements in the country. The army would have preferred to see Dr. Shahpour Bakhtiar continue as prime minister but it knows that without military backing the man will not last one day against the Khomeini forces.

The Khomeini forces accept that they have reached the point of no return in their quest for power and are approaching the situation with a "now or never" attitude. Khomeini may arrive and declare immediately a transitional government and an Islamic republic, thus forcing everyone else's hand. His men may not be very disciplined but they appear to have had arms, even before the army desertions began. They have a good clandestine communications system and may be counted upon to warn things up not only in Tehran but wherever they choose in the country. And they have influence among the oil field workers which must not be underestimated because the oil sector strikes might have been the most effective single factor in the downfall of the Shah.

What strikes a very suspicious cord at this juncture is the changing Western attitude toward Khomeini. He rose from near-anonymity in only a few months and people were led to believe that he was the saviour. In recent weeks, the Westerners lost some of their confidence in the man's ability, and their hasty attempts at putting out their nationalities indicate trouble. At the same time, radio stations in Eastern Europe directed at Iran are whipping up the tension and inflaming passions to make sure that civil war will break out. In the current frenzied pace of events the Iranians have no time to stop and contemplate such thoughts. But they must, because no one can save them but themselves.

British inflation

By William Keegan

LONDON—

After winning plaudits world-wide for the success of its anti-inflation policies in the past two years, Britain is once more experiencing a potentially severe outbreak of inflation.

As damaging strikes put the Labor government's special relationship with the unions at risk, Chancellor Denis Healey has recalled the dark days of near hyper-inflation in 1975, which ended in prolonged negotiations with the International Monetary Fund. "We are," says Healey, "back on the edge of the precipice."

In 1975, the annual British inflation rate reached 25 per cent plus. If sustained, that rate would have meant that a 40-year-old miner whose wages kept up with inflation would have been earning one million pounds a year by the time he retired.

But that level of inflation followed a period when nearly all the instruments of economic policy had been used in an inflationary way: expansive monetary policy, expansive fiscal policy, incomes policy for a time, but centered by fiscal and monetary policy, and followed by another bout of the Monopoly game between unions and bosses, laughingly known as free collective bargaining.

The current acceleration in wage inflation is different. The



Dry Atlantic wells

By J. F. Smith
WASHINGTON—

Gulf Oil Corporation announced last month that it has abandoned the seventh wildcat well in the Baltimore Canyon off the mid-Atlantic coast of America. But government geologists remain optimistic about the prospects for finding significant amounts of oil and gas there.

"It is going to take some more drilling and exploration before we will significantly alter our estimates," says John Lee, a resource evaluation specialist with the U.S. Geological Survey.

There has been but one potentially major find to date, a natural gas field hit by a Texaco-led consortium, with generally disappointing results elsewhere as reflected by the drilling companies' guarded statements.

The impression is that the Baltimore Canyon area 115 kilometers east of Atlantic City, N.J. is not another Alaskan North Slope, and is almost dry.

But Lee, though he admits that the Survey's estimates are "Somewhat tenuous," says that the government expects the companies to find about 870 million barrels of oil and 11 trillion cubic feet of natural gas in the 109 tracts leased by the Interior Department for \$1.1 billion in 1976.

That would be the equivalent of about 10 days of United States' oil imports and a little more than half the annual gas consumption.

By comparison, Alaska's North Slope has about 10 billion barrels of oil and about 24 trillion cubic feet of gas.

Asked about the depressing

results being read from the oil companies' guarded statements about drilling in the Baltimore Canyon—many of which indicate non-commercial quantities of oil or gas have been found—Lee said: "There was drilling in the North Sea for years before they came up with a significant find."

If they hit a bonanza on the next well, it would change the picture," he added.

Last summer, after Texaco's announcement, Wall Street analysts and the media were boosting speculation that the Canyon leases in four clusters of the mid-Atlantic states held enormous promise.

Since then more wells have been capped, despite some interesting "shows," as traces of hydrocarbons are called by the companies.

Gulf Oil's Joe Metula sums up the current situation: "Texaco is the only one with really positive discoveries; all the rest have been dry." The rest includes consortiums led by Shell, Mobil, and Continental Oil Co., along with Exxon and Houston Oil and Minerals.

Asked for the industry consensus, one oilman actively involved in Baltimore Canyon drilling operations said: "Right now it is on the negative side. The reason is that the best prospect, the Baltimore Dome, a geological structure that was thought to be a major trap for gas or oil, was drilled by Mobil and turned up dry."

Should the Baltimore Canyon area fail to yield large quantities of oil and gas, it would be a major blow to the

oil and gas industry.

Asked about the depressing

news coming from the oil companies, Lee said: "The oil companies have been so sparing in their statements about Baltimore Canyon drilling, offering only the minimum information to comply with the securities laws and regulations. (WP)

Nevertheless, only about 3 per cent of the U.S. Continental Shelf has been leased and explored, and there are hundreds of thousands of acres of potentially lucrative drilling areas in the Atlantic. This is part of the reason the oil companies have been so sparing in their statements about Baltimore Canyon drilling, offering only the minimum information to comply with the securities laws and regulations. (WP)

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Arab News, EWM Menn Maschinenfabrik, Hilchenbach

With Screw Making Machines One Screw-Length Ahead

Supplying a worldwide market, the machine factory EWM E. W. Menn KG in Hilchenbach, founded in 1913, has earned the reputation of being a leader in the manufacture of screw making, screw head slotting, and high output cold thread rolling machines based on their own ideas and construction. The firm enjoys the high esteem of other experts in the field, being in competition "the competitor that's always one screw-length ahead", as Mr. Menn put it.

Manufacture is formulated along the principle of making the work for the man at the machine as fast, easy and simple as possible by the use of easily visible setting controls.

The Menn engineers and designers are continually offering new features. The manufacture of screws has been revolutionized by the installation of roller bearings and drum hoppers in production machines. Menn built the first machine with durable polyethylene plates for thread rolling. In Hilchenbach they put out the first flat die thread rolling machines with a capacity of 1,000 pieces/min. on a production line. Encouraged by the success that has in part spread through word-of-mouth, resulting in a world-wide reputation, the firm is at this very moment undertaking major steps in the modernization of its machinery. "The designs of our machines is, accordingly, formulated in light of the newest technological developments", says Mr. Heinrich, of the company management.

Menn conveys its know-how and experience through its constant close contact with screw manufacturers in all five continents. The Hilchenbach firm conceives tailor

made solutions to problem requirements and advises on the model best suited for particular screw manufacture and thread production. Offered with interchangeable modular construction elements, the program is just as flexible for Menn KG as it is extensively variable for the customer.

The cold thread rolling machines equipped with flat dies, Model range GW, for working range from 1/16 to 1/2 inch diameter as well as for self-tapping- and wood screws, producing an output up to 1,000 pieces/min. 1,500 pieces/min. can be obtained with another cold thread rolling machine with planetary dies, Model range RW, for a working range from 1/16 to 1/4 inch diameter.

Screw head slotting machines working in the plunger and continuous pass milling techniques give an especially high yield. Plunge-milling-Model range S: for working from 1/16 to 7/16 inch



Cold thread rolling machine

Machinery for the Glass Industry

Messrs. Pennekamp founded in Wuppertal in 1944 deals exclusively in the manufacture of complex equipment and building construction included. If desired, the training of the customer's own native personnel is arranged, either there locally or abroad. At any rate, the firm's engineers and technicians put the machinery into

good position to lend advice based on its exact market analysis. The time needed from first customer contact (the order) to the start of production is about two years. "During the entire planning phase the firm remains in steady contact in order to better comply with the wishes of the customer", says partner and managing director of the firm, Mr. Seidel. Complete plants were built in India, Korea, and Taiwan, and machinery being sent to Egypt and Saudi Arabia (National glass in Damman). Quality and durability has made Pennekamp one of the top-ranking firms in its field. The firm's know-how is highly regarded by its customers, proven by its favorable market position: it holds a 75 per cent share of the market in Germany. In the construction of annealing lehrs along with the hot and transporting system as well as the hot and cold coating the firm is number one in all of Europe.

The percentage of total sales going towards export amounts to somewhere between 20-50 per cent annually, complete factories accounting for a large portion of it. Average yearly sales comes to about 15 million DM, whereas here too, figures are influenced by plant sales, yielding 25-65 million DM on the average. Staffing 65 employees, the firm looks optimistically towards the future, and with good reason: the order books are booked solid till the end of 1979.

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Pennekamp bottle manufacturing plant

wide mouth containers and crystal glass. They also supply complete glass plants ready to manufacture all type of glass products.

To its Opco-State customers, the firm prefers to offer its complete plants, that is, the entire factory

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Teepack automatically produces up to 160 teabags per minute, meaning a daily production of 65,000 total.

Anders speaks of ready contracts, not yet signed, in the Middle East. "A machine was recently sent to Dubai. The packaging material, like pasteboard and string, was sent along with it."

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Teepack employs 150 of the 1,500 employees working for the entire corporation.

The Hamburg firm is also concerned with questions of technolo-



Production Room for tea bags at Teekanne GmbH, Düsseldorf

Arab News Industries Made in Germany

Specialists in Valve Engineering

Solenoid valves excited by electricity help to automate processes; they control any media stop a flow, divert or mix it with others. Fluids controlled by such valves may move cylinder pistons or operate pneumatic as well as diaphragm actuated valves. Burkert GmbH in Ingelheim produces a multitude of such apparatuses to control neutral and aggressive, cold and high temperature gases as well as liquids of all kinds, including pneumatic cylinders and thermostats. In addition, Burkert developed special valves for extreme loads as, for example, employed in the field of nuclear energy techniques. In expert circles, this is the definition of the function of valves produced by Burkert GmbH in Ingelheim.

Comprehensive research and development work created the right technological conditions for a production programme which is internationally registered in many patents and pattern samples. The company founded in 1945 started off as a trading company. More than 850 people are employed at the Ingelheim parent factory in three German companies and one French subsidiary. Eleven advisory offices and sales companies in Europe and 14 agencies abroad represent the worldwide significance of Burkert GmbH.

A control device for gas ovens and valves for washing machines had such an impact on the market that very soon production rooms had to be extended and new works which were constructed especially, had to be equipped. At last in 1978 all conditions have been fulfilled to expand the gained lead with new concepts, the construc-

tion and production of a complete production programme in valve engineering in step with the latest up-to-date technology.

The basic element for expansion at Burkert were the magneto systems with the epoxy resin surround, developed by the company during the mid-sixties. They changed the "irratic valve" into a

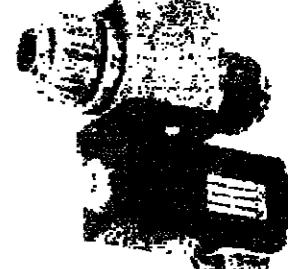
like to use the slogan: "Install and forget about it!" They can rely on the product, the emphasis of which is quality. Burkert produces all essential parts in their own factories. Also for the processing techniques the company relies on their own employees and machines, for example for plastic spraying or die casting, for non-cutting shaping

as height and building lengths.

With a variety of different types and shapes, the new Burkert range adapts to the varying requirements in industrial engineering. This range has been additionally ex-

tended by pneumatic activated products. Pneumatic slide valves control expensive and complicated equipment or machinery. With a long working life they operate without lubrication and can redirect the flow of air without further seals.

Solenoid valves are very versatile. They help to automate processing techniques in industry. In oil central heating they control the flow of oil, in washing machines, dish-washers they control the flow of water or the entry of the detergent. Solenoid valves open doors, swivel foot-plates, lift the centre chairs, operate the car-wash equipment and control the flow of coffee from the coffee machine. This expansion finally led to special constructions of the Ingelheim engineers. Burkert produces compact modular control systems which permit selec-



Newest product: Type 131

Valve-type 131, the current salt to control valves, as well as special valves for the chemical, pharmaceutical, food and medical purposes.

The day distribution within the specialized sector, the widely diversified range of customers and the markets itself, will also have prompted Burkert to grow in turnover 30 per cent for the business and 35 per cent for exports.

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The utensil socket from Ingelheim introduced a completely new connection technique for spools. It was adopted as the DIN-norm.

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Arab News: How was business transacted?

Ramisch: It was handled exclusively by customer request as single units made to measure. Ramisch Kleinewefers relied on representatives who had the product in a complete stock framework, i.e. customizing advisory service, the engineering ability, after-sales service, and where necessary could be on the personnel. For a textile calendar, we can send an assembly man immediately. For a plastic- or broken plant the technician must be sent himself.

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Publishing against the trend at Dover

By Kenneth Turan

NEW YORK — Dover Publications does everything backwards. It publishes the wrong kind of books at the wrong cost with the wrong kind of quality. It has the wrong kind of management, even the wrong street address. Or so conventional publishing wisdom would have one believe.

In these woeful days of conglomerate takeover, who ever heard of a multimillion-dollar business that is essentially a mom-and-pop operation? Of working out of offices in lower Manhattan's warehouse district, as far as possible from chic watering holes and check-by-jowl with companies like Consolidated Loose Leaf, the Acme Heel Corp. and the Iron Cross Rehearsal and Recording Studio? Of using superior quality paper, binding and covers for paperback books and still keeping prices low? And, most especially, of putting out books of a diversity that would cause other publishers to gnash their teeth in despair?

"String Figures and how to Make Them," "Grammar of Colloquial Tibetan," "An Introduction to Symbolic Logic," "You can Draw Camelias," "The Complete String Quartet of Mozart," "Oscar of the Waldorf's Cookbook," "Civil War Uniforms Coloring Book," "Einstein's Principle of Relativity," "Old Philadelphia in Early Photographs," "Victorian Cemetery Art," "Boomerangs: How to Make and Throw Them," "Designs on Prehistoric Hopi Pottery," "Kropotkin's Revolutionary Pamphlets," "The Care and

Breeding of Goldfish," "The Story of the Titanic as told by its Survivors" etc.

"Mr. Cirker," says one of his employees, "has an extremely wide range of interest." "I'm no renaissance man," he replies. "I'm just curious, is all."

In 1942, Hayward Cirker and his wife Blanche started a reprint company they named after the apartment house they lived in. The very first book published was suggested by a scientist friend who told him "there was a large group of American mathematical physicists who needed books that were out of print or costing \$15 to \$20, which today was like \$50." So Cirker took a chance and published the non-sensitizing "Tables of Functions," which, 50,000 copies later, is still on the Dover list.

Lots of books are still on the Dover list, something like 2,300, with 160 to 180 more added every year, a very tidy sum when measured against an editorial staff that is below a dozen, the Cirkers included.

"We hate to see things go out of print," says vice president and general manager Clarence Strowbridge, shaking his head at recent losses like "Bird Display and Behavior"

and "The World's Chess Championship of 1937." "They really have got to be wanted by the world at large." What Dover thinks the world wants include an eclectic, slightly off-beat and highly scholarly collection of topics, all of which delight their intended, albeit specialized, audiences.

Art directors, for instance,

devour Dover's pictorial archives, the world's single largest source of copyright-free art. Chess lovers bask in 65 separate titles, fans of classic fantasy and detective novels get all the Wilkie Collins, Freemen Crofts and Sheridan Lefanu they can handle, and amateur musicians receive full-size scores reprinted with wide margins for dozens of classical works, from Bach to Wagner. And that is only the merest beginning. "We publish for the curious and interested adult, for people more or less like us," says the quiet, gentle Strowbridge. "We seem to hit everybody in their weak spots."

Though many people think of Dover as strictly a reprint house, saving money by reproducing properties languishing in the public domain, this is not completely the case. Close to half of Dover's books, titles like "Geometry, Relativity and the Fourth Dimension" by Rudolf V. B. Rucker, are original works, many of the reprints are new compilations of disparate material, and they don't come cheap.

"We spend substantial sums of money on rights," Cirker says, "hundreds of thousands of dollars a year."

One of the marks of Dover's quirkiness is that what it doesn't publish is as interesting as what it does: No current fiction, biography or current events, in short, nothing that even remotely smacks of bestsellerdom.

"Strange but true, we avoid obvious commercial viability," says Cirker. "We are sort of working the backwaters of publishing."

Instead of lustng after trendiness, Cirker stresses his 60-plus Nobel Prize winners, old favorites like E.A. Abbott's "Flatland," a quarter-million copy seller over the decades Dover's published it, as well as classics like Agricola's "De re Metallica," a 16th-century Latin treatise translated in 1912 by Herbert Hoover, who advised Cirker "you'll lose money" on the reprint. (He didn't.)

With a list like this, press runs in the low thousands are common with Dover, for Cirker prides himself on "not differentiating between markets: A small one is as important as a large one if the book is important. We never say 'Let's get rid of the damn thing, we have a novelty book that'll sell 50,000 copies.' We see publishing as a long, long continuity."

More than that, Dover makes sure its books will be around physically to enjoy that continuity. The paper used is opaque and designed to resist discoloration or brittleness. Pages are sewn in signatures, a method, even hardback publishers are abandoning. The covers are laminated right at Dover's Varick Street offices and can be cleaned with a damp cloth.

"Quality is sort of a philosophical position, a point of view, because the difference between a well-produced and a poorly produced book doesn't represent that much of a difference in price," Cirker says. "And I don't care what the subject of the book is, we try and do as good a job as we can. We make our books on paper dolls the best darn

A potpourri of events and activities from around the Kingdom.

JEDDAH

Saturday, Feb. 3: Hejaz Choral Society meeting. At the PCS, Room 5, 7:30 p.m.

Saudi Arabian Natural History Society meeting. Dr. Butikier will give an illustrated lecture on "Insect Life of Saudi Arabia." At the USGS compound, just off Medina Road (south), near Spinners Restaurant, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 3 — Wednesday, Feb. 7:

Exhibit of British books on the Middle East, sponsored by the British Council. At the central library of King Abdul Aziz University. Open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., men only.

SUNDAY, Feb. 4:

Coffee morning for Australian women. At the Australian Ambassador's residence, two blocks north of the British Embassy compound, 10:30 a.m.

MONDAY, Feb. 5:

British Wives Association morning coffee. At the British Ambassador's residence, 10:30 a.m.

Outing for women of the Danish community to visit the Saudi Danish dairy. Depart from the Danish Ambassador's residence, 3 p.m.

Jeddah Fine Arts Society meeting for those interested in exhibiting in the next art show, sometime in April, at the Jeddah Dome. At the British Embassy, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, Feb. 6:

Gardening Club meeting. At the Glee Blank residence, USGS compound house No. 8, at 1:30 p.m. Details, telephone 53796.

Wednesday, Feb. 7:

Jeddah Light Opera Society rehearsals for "HMS Pinafore." At the British Embassy, 8 p.m. — 10 p.m.

RIYADH

Thursday, Feb. 1 — Sunday, Feb. 4:

paper-doll books ever done; we give them as much care as Einstein's books because to Einstein's books because to people who like paper dolls this is important. We don't just knock them out."

Though it might not be obvious to the non-industry eye, Dover does have its own methods of cutting corners.

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Wednesday, Feb. 7:

Film Arts Festival. At the U.S. International Communications Agency offices (formerly USIS) in Riyadh. 7:15 p.m. Admission, SR 20.

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Entry forms are now available for the first Dhahran Marathon, a 26-mile race. Finishers will be eligible to compete in the Boston Marathon on April 16. Interested runners should call Todd Marlow at Aramco, telephone 46526, after working hours.

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Sunday, Feb. 5:

Dhahran Community Band meeting at Aramco. Instrumentalists in Dammam/Al Khobar/Dhahran area welcome. Details, telephone Walter Blomquist, 70502.

Tuesday, Feb. 6 — Wednesday, Feb. 7:

"Holland Expo," the cruise ship Dutch trade show, open at the new jetty of Dammam port. Open to the public.

Wednesday, Feb. 7:

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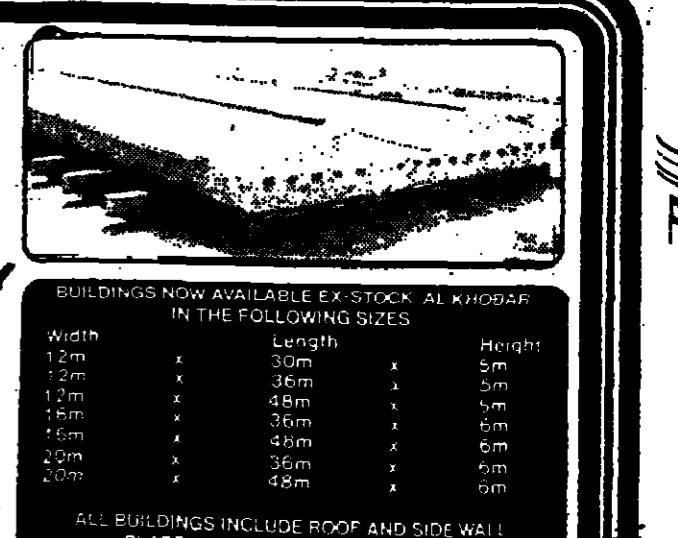
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Ali to ask \$2m to retire on TV

ALBANY, New York, Jan. 31 (AP) — Muhammad Ali said Tuesday night the ante is up to \$2 million for a television extravaganza during which he will announce his retirement from boxing once and for all.

The heavyweight champion of the world — or part of it Tuesday indicated it's just a matter of before he does it.

"My retirement party will be held on network television," Ali told about 5,000 students packing a gymnasium at the State University of New York at Albany.

"I don't know which network because they're all bidding. One network is now up to \$2 million," he continued. "They're giving me \$2 million dollars to retire just before a (Leon) Spinks-(Larry) Holmes fight. I'll come on television and I'll have a big cry and laugh and say I'm retiring. They'll show a round from each one of our biggest fights and then I'm no longer champ. Now these two guys will fight for the title."

No Spinks-Holmes fight has yet been set. Spinks is recognized as champ by the World Boxing Association, while Holmes is recognized by the World Boxing Council.

"The worst thing in the world I can do is to get into the ring again. I'm a businessman, a wise man. I'm not your ordinary pug."

"So they are going to have to give me about \$2 million to retire on television. I'm not punch drunk. I can talk and my face is still pretty."

Against Forest

Southampton wins League Cup final spot

LONDON, Jan. 31 (Agencies) — Terry Curran, having failed to score for Southampton in 24 games, ended the famine with a brilliant goal against Leeds United Tuesday night to put his club into the final of the English Football League Cup.

It was the only goal of the match, giving Southampton a 3-2 aggregate victory after the tworall draw at Leeds last week. Nottingham Forest, the cup holder, drew 0-0 with Watford of the Third Division in the other semifinal for a 3-1 aggregate win and a place in the final at Wembley on March 17.

Ipswich scored a 2-0 victory over plucky Second Division Orient at Brisbane Road to earn a fifth round tie at home



NEW ROLE: Ali puts the finishing touches to a drawing under the watchful eye of Rodney Brown, organizer of AP's first show at the Roseland Gallery in New York. Last week, Ali presented a painting of the U.N. headquarters to U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim.



CLINCHED: Dalglish's 82nd-minute goal clinched a berth in the final FA Cup 16 for Liverpool.

to either Bristol Rovers or Charlton.

Orient, an unfashionable club from London's East End, held Ipswich to a goalless draw Saturday and kept the Cup holder well under control in the first half Tuesday.

But a brilliant volley from England international striker Paul Mariner put Ipswich in front after 46 minutes and he added a second goal with 15 minutes remaining.

Ipswich scored a 2-0 victory over plucky Second Division Orient at Brisbane Road to earn a fifth round tie at home

RICHMOND, Virginia, Jan. 31 (AP) — Three-time Wimbledon champion Bjorn Borg looked a bit rusty Tuesday night in his first match this year — a second-round victory over unseeded American Lee Van Dellen, 6-3, 6-4 in the Phoenix tennis classic.

Borg was to get his second test Wednesday night against Russell Simpson of New Zealand, a winner Monday.

Four other seeds — No. 3 John McEnroe, No. 4 Brian Gottfried, No. 6 Ilie Nastase of Romania and No. 8 Arthur Ashe — also won Tuesday.

McEnroe beat Joel Bailey, 6-4, 6-3; Gottfried ousted Frew McMillan of South Africa, 6-0, 7-5; Nastase overcame John Alexander of Australia, 6-7 (13-11), 6-4, 6-4, and Ashe turned back Eliot, Teitscher 7-6 (7-4), 6-2.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31 (AP) — James Silas scored a season-high 30 points, including four in overtime to help the Spurs beat the Chicago

European champion struggled against Second Division Blackburn and it was only an 82nd minute goal from striker Kenny Dalglish that earned a fifth round tie against Burnley or Sunderland.

Two goals from leading scorer John Dungworth gave Fourth Division Aldershot a surprise 2-1 win over Third Division Swindon and a fifth round tie at home to giant-killer Shrewsbury.

But gets through

Borg looks rusty at Phoenix event

Other Tuesday matches saw Jose Higueras of Spain defeat Dick Stockton 6-4, 7-5, and Ross Case beat fellow Australian Paul Kronk 6-4, 2-6, 6-3.

Just two other second-round matches were scheduled Wednesday — fifth-seeded Corrado Barazzutti against Tim Wilkison and Pat Dupre against veteran Marty Riessen. The second round ends Thursday.

Borg, who won here four years ago, broke Van Dellen in the seventh game of the

Old-timer's overtime blitz powers Spurs past Bulls

Bulls, 112-108, Tuesday night. That victory, coupled with Houston's 112-106 loss to the Indiana Pacers, gave San Antonio a 24-game lead over the Rockets in the National Basketball Association's Central division.

Silas was the best backcourtman in the dying days of the American Basketball Association, but suffered a string of ankle, knee and thigh injuries the past two years. Most of his time was spent gathering splinters on the bench. When he was able to play, he found he couldn't do the things he used to take for granted.

"We complement each other," said Gervin, who also had 30 points against Chicago but fouled out with three minutes left in overtime and the Bulls leading, 108-106. "If we are not the best guard tandem in basketball, I don't know who is."

San Antonio erased a 100-88 deficit with 6:45 left, Gervin sending the game into overtime on a 30-foot jumper with 50 seconds to go that tied the score at 108.

After Gervin fouled out in overtime, Silas took command. He did the game with a 20-footer and drew charging foul from Reggie Theus. After Mike Green hit a driving layup with 1:15 remaining, Silas drew another charging foul from Theus, then sank two free throws with six seconds left to clinch the victory.

In other games, Portland beat Denver, 62-76; San Diego defeated Milwaukee, 117-113; Washington edged Atlanta, 109-105 to extend its Atlantic Division lead to 44 games and Los Angeles whipped New Jersey, 127-108.

On near-perfect wicket

Australia set 284 to win today

ADELAIDE, Jan. 31 (Agencies) — England and Australia were locked in a keen battle for control of the fifth Test at close of play on the fourth day of the match here Wednesday.

Australia ended the day on 82 for two, having been set a target of 366 runs to win the match after England was all out for 360 in its second innings 35 minutes after lunch.

Australia has 360 minutes, including 15 overs in the last hour to achieve the target, on a near-perfect batting wicket.

Vice-captain Kim Hughes and captain Graham Yallop held the innings together, scoring 46 in an unbeaten third-wicket stand. But in the two hours between tea and stumps the pair added only 38 runs.

Hughes had been at the wicket for 143 minutes for his 30 and Yallop 130 minutes for 16.

In a slow but absorbing six hours play Wednesday only 17 runs were scored for the loss of five wickets.

England completed its second innings at 360 with veteran wicketkeeper Bob Taylor failing to reach his first Test century by only three runs.

His 97, which ended with the last ball before lunch, equalled his previous highest first class score made in South Africa for the International Wanderers.

Australia will need a big

innings from its four remaining specialist batsmen Hughes, ball firmly and straight to Hughes, who survived a controversial appeal from off-spinner Geoff Miller when five, went down the pitch to off-spinners Geoff Boycott at short mid-on and called for a run.

Boycott, the most accurate of bowlers, knocked the stumps down from side-on to beat Wood's frantic dive at the 272 for seven.

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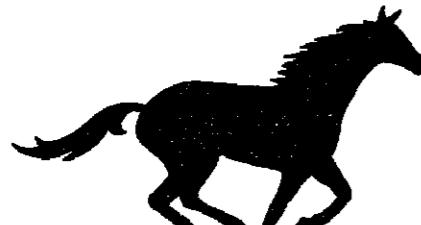


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Arab arms body opens Jeep plant

CAIRO, Jan. 31 (AP) — The American Motors Corp. of Detroit, Michigan, and the Arab Organization for Industrialization Wednesday inaugurated a plant which produces Jeeps that can mount antitank rockets.

Later the Egyptian army demonstrated how the Jeeps would launch British Swingfire will be produced locally at the end of this year, officials said.

The Jeep factory is the first of a series of projects in which AOI will take Western partners into joint arms manufacturing.

Japan to lend Egypt \$40m to finance goods

CAIRO, Jan. 31 (AP) — Japan agreed Wednesday to give Egypt a loan of eight billion yen (\$40 million) for financing its imports. The Middle East News Agency reported.

The loan is repayable over 30 years with 3 per cent interest after a grace period of ten years. It is part of 30 billion (\$150 million) Japan pledged to grant Egypt this year.

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Sheikh Faisal Al-Qasimi

Under construction or in the planning stage are plants to produce British helicopters and engines, electronics systems and later a French-West German jet trainer and attack plane.

The AOI group, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates in a consortium whose strategic aim is to lessen Arab dependency on weapons systems manufactured abroad. It is headed by Sheikh Faisal bin Sultan Al-Qasimi of the UAE.

It started operation in 1975 with a capital of \$1.04 billion, using four arms plants already in existence in Egypt. The Jeep factory is brand new.

AMC and the AOI have formed the Arab American Vehicle Co. to produce about 10,000 Jeeps a year. Assem Swilam, an AOI official, said the four consortium countries have already contracted for all of the first year's production.

The plant, on the eastern outskirts of Cairo, was set up in sand dune terrain in 17 months. This was thought a record for this country, where most projects bog down interminably in red tape.

AMC and State Department officials at the time said, however, that the Swingfires could be mounted on any general purpose vehicle, and that the AOI could

be getting 50 F-5 jets from Washington.

But the idea for the AOI sprang up after the Soviet Union shot off the supply of arms and spare parts to Egypt after 1973 October War. Political disputes between Cairo and Moscow cramped the Egyptian military then, and the consortium decided to reduce its dependence on foreign suppliers.

"Arms production projects demand a lot of money at first," said Egyptian Defense Minister Lt. Gen. Kamal Hassan Ali at Wednesday's inauguration.

shop elsewhere if the United States turned down the deal.

The Swingfires will be produced jointly by the AOI and the nationalized British Aerospace Co.

Officials said the Jeeps will not be earmarked only for military purposes. A local dealer reported selling briskly, at \$13,500 per regular jeep, to Egyptian civilians.

Swilam said the Jeeps cost five per cent more to assemble here than to buy ready-made from the United States.

Some Western critics of the AOI programs say it makes no sense to try to produce or assemble expensive weapons systems in Arab countries when they are readily available more cheaply from the Western nations that make them in the first place.

They point out that Egypt

is getting 50 F-5 jets from

Washington.

EGYPT: Egyptian Defense

comes off the assembly line

at a Cairo factory inaugurated Wednesday by the Arab Organization for Industrialization and the American Motors Corp. Saudi Arabia is a member of the AOI.

Minister Gen. Kamal Hassan Ali tries out a Jeep after it

arrives in Cairo Monday for an official three-day visit with Venezuelan officials.

Speaking at a luncheon of the U.S.-Venezuelan Chamber of Commerce, the official suggested that his country now will be chronic world energy shortages by the 1980s and warned that Iran's oil production may never return to its former levels.

The world oil market is at the brink of a situation where demand will permanently exceed supply and prices will go "sky high and stay there," O'Leary said Tuesday, after

arriving in Caracas Monday for an official three-day visit with Venezuelan officials.

O'Leary feels that international sharing and conservation measures can handle the Iranian shortfall over the next year beyond that, a continued absence of Iranian supplies would begin to bite harder."

As a result of the worsening international energy situation, O'Leary said that "misery for oil-consuming nations will take the form of competition for the available supplies. Misery for the oil-exporting countries will take the form of frustrating economic development plans, slow growth in non-oil exports and worldwide political and social instability."

Turning to Iran, O'Leary said that even assuming that full resumption of production from

that country is possible, "We could hit some tightness in world oil demand vis-a-vis supply as early as next winter."

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If there is a pay explosion, which many in Britain fear, the CBI said after a very short time this could only lead to "worsened competitiveness, lost orders and lost employment."

Japan's vehicle sales soared to 4.6m in '78

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Detained in France

Woman, 24, said new head of ETA

MADRID, Jan. 31 (UPI) — Official Spanish sources said Wednesday that a 24-year-old woman, Maria Dolores Gonzalez Otarain, has taken over the leadership of the Basque separatist group ETA, one of Europe's most dangerous terrorist organizations.

Miss Gonzalez has experience in ETA terrorist actions and took over leadership of the organization after the bombing death Dec. 31 of Jose Maria Benaran, the previous ETA chief, the sources said.

Miss Gonzalez, known by the nickname "Yoyes," was born in 1954 in the Basque town of Villefranche de Ordizia, according to police information.

She was among 14 Spanish Basques rounded up Tuesday in France near the Spanish border and deported to a department in the Alps far from Spain. Sources close to the Madrid government said they expected extradition will be asked for Miss Gonzalez and other suspected ETA leaders.

ETA (Basque Homeland and Liberty) has killed 50 people including policemen, military officers and others in the last four months in its struggle for an independent socialist Basque region.

The last ETA victim was 54-year-old businessman, Jose Artola Goicoechea, gunned down and killed Tuesday night in the Basque town of Anzua.

The sources said that Benaran, alias "Reargata" the Basque word for "skinny," was the "maximum chief" of ETA until

he died in the Basque region of southern France. On that morning in the town of Anglet, Argala switched on the ignition of his car and was blown apart by a powerful bomb.

The leadership of ETA was then taken over by Miss Gonzalez with a Lieutenant, a man named Anchon Echevesti.

One high official said it was impossible to determine exactly how many terrorists are in the service of ETA, but he attributed a two-week drop in ETA activity to the reinforcement of Spanish police forces and operations in the Basque region.

Traditionally ETA has had

few women in its ranks and one official admitted "the fact that a woman has apparently taken over the leadership surprised me." He said that among the 14 Spanish Basques picked up in France Tuesday and placed in the Ains are important ETA commando instructors.

U.S. economic indicators fall; slowdown possibly lies ahead

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (AP) — The government's index of economic indicators fell in December for the second month in a row, the first solid sign that an economic slowdown may be near.

The Commerce Department said Wednesday that the index fell 0.5 per cent in December.

OPEC meets non-OPEC in March 3 London talks

LONDON, Jan. 31 (UPI) — An informal meeting of OPEC and non-OPEC oil producers will take place March 3-4 in London, the Ministry of Energy said Wednesday.

The OPEC side at the meeting, to be chaired by Venezuela, will include representatives from Venezuela, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Algeria, an

official said.

Britain, Mexico, Norway and Canada will be among the non-OPEC oil producers represented at the meeting, he said.

The Ministry of Energy said the purpose of the meeting was to discuss possible links between OPEC and non-OPEC oil producers.

ber, the same as in November. The index had increased 0.4 percent in October.

A three-month decline in the index is considered one indication of a possible recession.

While the index is far from infallible and is subject to frequent major revisions, the second monthly decline comes against a background of predictions by many economists that a recession will occur this year because of efforts by the administration of President Carter to slow the economy to help fight inflation.

In recent weeks, top administration officials have conceded there is some risk of a recession, but they say the risk would be greater if inflation continued to worsen.

The Commerce Department said six of the 10 individual indicators in its index declined in December, led by a drop in cash and other liquid assets. Also negative were the average work week, the job layoff rate, contracts and the money supply and building permits.

Atomic tests will be conducted if needed, India minister says

NEW DELHI, Jan. 31 (R) —

India will conduct more atomic tests if they are found necessary for its research into the peaceful uses of atomic energy. External Affairs Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee said in an interview published Wednesday.

India conducted its first and only nuclear test underground in May, 1974.

In the Bombay weekly newspaper "Bhik", Vajpayee said Prime Minister Moraji Desai was still not convinced

whether further nuclear explosions were necessary for the development of nuclear energy for peaceful uses, but if he were he would not be averse to further tests.

India has so far refused to sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty on the grounds that is discriminatory.

India's first nuclear test was the subject of widespread criticism from both developed and developing nations, and led to Canada cutting off nuclear fuel and technical aid

because its supplies had been used for the test without its permission.

The United States agreed to sell India enriched uranium after President Carter said last year that Desai had reaffirmed that India would never acquire nuclear weapons nor carry out nuclear tests even for peaceful purposes.

Desai was later attacked by the Indian Communist Party on the grounds that he had surrendered to U.S. pressure.

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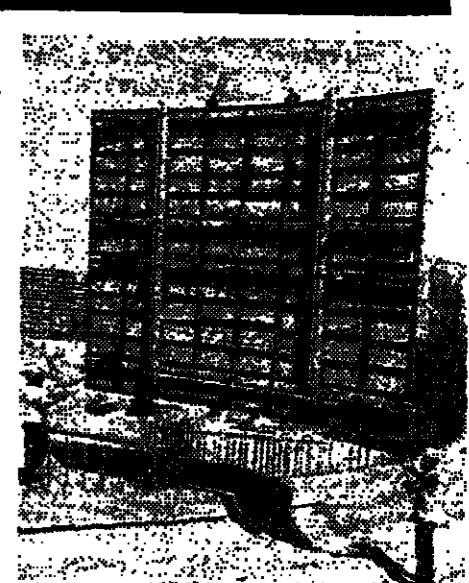
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Late News



LONDON: Two women whose children are patients give voluntary help at the Westminster Children's Hospital after a cleaner workers' strike.

(See story page 1) (AP photo)

Dragnet cast for U.K. public enemy No.1

LONDON, Jan. 31 (AP) — Scotland Yard has launched a nationwide dragnet for a chess-playing gunman known as "Joe the Greek" and dubbed him the most wanted man in Britain.

In a rare move, Yard chiefs have issued photographs of the fugitive with the warning: "This man is armed and dangerous, a potential killer. He is likely to shoot first and ask questions afterwards. He is desperate to avoid capture."

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